Bible & Daily Living

Nice folks and sin

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DO NICE PEOPLE REALLY SIN?
Lesson for September 16, 1984
Bible Study Passages: Romans 2:1, 17-24; 3:9-12, 19-20

INTRODUCTION

Sometimes nice folks have a difficult time seeing themselves as sinners. After all, good people do not sin except perhaps in small ways. Good people do not murder, molest, rob, or engage in illicit sexual misconduct.

Nice folks also have a difficult struggle understanding why bad things happen to good people. It simply makes little or no sense why the good must suffer while the evil people seem to get off free. Why do bad things happen to good people? The Bible offers us the answer that sin entered into our world through an act of disobedience. Every generation experiences the consequences of that initial sin.

People not only commit sin; we are sinners. We are corporately guilty of sin against God and one another, and we are individually guilty and responsible for our sin. Bad things happen to good people because no one is immune from suffering. Tragedy and pain visits everyone from time to time, including bad people.

Paul talks to us this week about the problem of sin. We will study how even religious people are sometimes guilty of the sin they condemn in others.

THE GOOD ARE GUILTY [Romans 2:1, 17-24]

Some religious folk are notorious for fingering the sins of other people. They easily spotlight the evil deeds of others while denying their's. Good people sometimes condemn in others what they vividly know to be true of themselves.

Paul's message to such thinking is this: "There is none that doeth good, no, not one." (Romans 3:12) Paul addressed especially the religious folks, for he knew only too well how easy it is for the good to slip into sin. Those who boast religious piety sometimes are wolves in sheep clothing!

Paul went after the religious teachers and guides who were conceited enough to place themselves above reproach. He confronted them about breaking the laws they proclaimed to others. This behavior, Paul affirms, brings discredit to God. When Christians engage in sinful practices they make it difficult for others to believe.

FOR ALL HAVE SINNED [Romans 3:9-20]

With the privilege of salvation by faith comes the responsibility of providing unbelievers a model to follow. The Christian is not better than someone who isn't. If we are good it is only because Christ makes us so by his grace. The unbelieving world occasionally criticizes the people of God for being so much unlike Christ. Therefore, it is crucial that Christians mirror the love of Christ in their life style and attitudes towards others.

Paul cautioned that the law never saves one from sin. The law at best helps one recognize the nature of sin. Paul's Jewish audience had become too dependent upon the law as the means to an end. The Apostle's battle cry against sin is salvation by faith alone.

Discuss the following questions:

1. Is is important for Christians to confess their sin?
2. Do you believe the power of evil is overlooked in our age?
3. Name some ways the Christian may use to explain away his/her sinful deeds.
4. Pray you will be responsible for your sin.

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Times-Virginian WORSHIP

Roy Thomas

Friendship schedules revival

The Friendship Baptist Church will be engaged in revival services, beginning Wednesday, Sept. 12 and extending through Sunday, Sept. 16. With no service on Saturday night, Sept. 15.

The guest evangelist will be the Rev. Roy Thomas, pastor of the Beauty Moutain Baptist Church in Edmond, of West Virginia. Rev. Thomas is 44 years old. He was converted at the age of 21. He is a graduate of the Eastern Baptist College of Hampton, Va. He also pastored the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Franklinton, N. C. for several years. He is married and has three sons.

Pastor E. W. Lucas of Friendship Baptist Church and the congregation wish to extend to the community a warm welcome to attend any or all of these services.

The services will be held at 7:30 p.m. each evening, with nursery services for the infants.

At Yellow Branch

McDowell to speak

Guest evangelist Elton McDowell will lead revival services at Yellow Branch Baptist Church Sunday through Tuesday at 7:30 each night.

The church is located on Route 29 eight miles south of Lynchburg. A nursery will be provided during the revival.

Death Notices

Robert Lawrence [Dude] Doss

Robert Lawrence (Dude) Doss, 51, of Appomattox, Va. died Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 5, 1984, in Medical Care Center.

He was born in Appomattox County, a son of Opal Minnix Doss and the late Robert Leslie Doss. He was a carpenter, a veteran of the Korean War, and a member of Memorial Methodist Church.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife, Edith Baldwin Doss; four sons, Donald Michael Doss, Robert Otis Doss, David Lee Doss, and Edward Wayne Doss, and a daughter, Nancy Marie Doss, all of Appomattox; two brothers, Garland Lee Doss, Appomattox, and Cecil Eugene Doss, Lynchburg; two sisters, Mrs. Barbara Metcalf, Darlington Heights, and Mrs. Nellie Bryant, Appomattox; two grandchildren, Robert Otis Doss Jr. and Jarrett Brandon Doss.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Friday from Robinson Funeral Home by the Rev. Otis Worley, with burial in Liberty Cemetery.

Robinson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Pearl Thornhill Harris

Pearl Thornhill Harris, 90, of 420 Amelon Road, Madison Heights, died Thursday, Sept. 6, 1984, at her residence. She was the wife of the late William Branch Harris.

Born in Appomattox County, she was the daughter of the late John Henry Thornhill and Olivia Garrett Thornhill. She was a member of Maple Grove Baptist Church in Gladstone.

She is survived by one son, Warren N. Harris of Ogden, Utah; two daughters, Olivia H. Kidd and Shelby H. Roberts, both of Madison Heights; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was conducted at 1 p.m. Saturday in Whitten Monelison Chapel by the Revs. Earl F. Clarkson Jr., Dennis Hollandsworth and Dott Bryan. Interment was in the Harris family cemetery in Gladstone.

Whitten Monelison Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Isaac Hughes Jr.

Isaac Hughes Jr. departed this life Sunday, Sept. 2, 1984, at 3 p.m. in Newark, N.J.

He is survived by his devoted mother, Catherine Hughes of Lynchburg; two sisters, Mrs. Gloria J. Morgan of Appomattox and Mrs. Diana Abbitt of Lynchburg; one devoted aunt, Elizabeth Jones, and one uncle, Webster Hughes, both of Newark; two aunts, Mrs. Hallie Thurman and Mrs. Mary Cash, both of Lynchburg, and a host of other relatives.

A funeral service was held at 1 p.m. Friday at Terry Funeral Home, 34 Mercy St., Newark.

Robert Aubrey Jones

Robert Aubrey Jones, 80, of Vienna, formerly of Timonium, Md., died Monday, Sept. 3, 1984. He was the husband of Margaret Hackett Jones.

Born in Gladys, he was a son of the late Robert Washington Jones and Eva Elizabeth Tweedy Jones. He was retired from American Oil Co., and was a member of Timonium United Methodist Church.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by one daughter, Carolyn J. Cheatham of Vienna; three sisters, Thelma J. Wood of Lynchburg, Madeline J. Driskill of Rustburg and Beatrice J. Higgins of Yucaipa, Calif.; four grandsons and two great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday in Presbyterian Cemetery by the Rev. William R. Livermon.

Louis Gleaves Mays Sr.

Louis Gleaves Mays Sr., 91, of Route 2, Gladys, died Wednesday, Sept. 5, 1984, at 10:50 a.m. after a short illness. His wife was the late Lillie K. Pendergrass Mays.

He was born in Washington County Nov. 10, 1892, the son of the late David A. and Milia Mays. He was a retired farmer and a member of Mount Zion United Methodist Church.

Surviving are four sons, William E. Mays of Forest, James Alfred Mays and Louis G. Mays Jr., both of Monroe; two daughters, Mrs. Edward (Gladys) Duty of Bristol and Mrs. Russell (Frances) Bryant of Appomattox; one twin sister, Mrs. Cessie M. Mays Handy of Appomattox; 26 grandchildren and 38 great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was conducted Friday at 2 p.m. at Mount Zion Methodist Church by the Rev. Gene Condrey, assisted by the Rev. Floyd Wingfield. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Whitten Park Avenue Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Mamie Myers Miller

Mamie Myers Miller, 81, of Route 2, Lynchburg, died Wednesday, Sept. 5, 1984, in Medical Care Center. She was the wife of the late Jacob Cleveland Miller.

Born in Pittsylvania County, she was a daughter of the late Charlie Austin Myers and Arbelia Weeks Myers. She was a member of West End Christian Church in Gretna.

She is survived by two sons, Charlie A. Miller, Concord, and James C. Miller, Lynchburg; three daughters, Beatrice M. Hughes and Elaine M. Bell, both of Lynchburg and Ruby M. Wooldrige, Florida; three brothers, George Douglas Myers, Lewis Myers, and Ira Oscar Myers, all of Gretna; four sisters, Katherine M. Staton and Madgie M. Stevens, both of Lynchburg, and Frances M. Vassar and Nannie M. George, both of Gretna; 19 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. Friday in Whitten Park Avenue Chapel by the Rev. Margie P. Musselman. Interment was in the Myers family cemetery near Gretna.

Whitten Park Avenue Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Martin Excell Scott

Martin Excell Scott, 90, of Route 1, died Tuesday, Sept. 4, 1984, at St. John's Nursing Home in Lynchburg. His wife was the late Gladys Hunter Scott.

He was born in Campbell County March 7, 1894, a son of the late Charles Oliver Scott and Lillie Walton Whitlow Scott. He was a member of Ebenezer Baptist Church and Brookneal Odd Fellows Lodge No. 267, where he was the oldest living member and longest active member for more than 71 years. He was a retired farmer.

He is survived by two sons, Martin E. Scott Jr. and Charles S. (Bill) Scott, both of Brookneal; four daughters, Mrs. Isabel S. Klein, Lynchburg, Miss Iris Grey Scott and Mrs. Leslie G. (Marjorie) Daniel, both of Brookneal, and Mrs. James D. (Barbara) Bennett, Red House; and 17 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Friday at Ebenezer Baptist Church by the Revs. W. S. Wallace and Melvin Bradshaw. Burial was in the church cemetery, with Odd Fellows rites at the grave.

In lieu of flowers, please consider the Brookneal Rescue Squad.

Mrs. Arrie Trent Thornhill

Mrs. Arrie Trent THornhihl of 1107 Virginia Street, Lynchburg, died Sunday in Lynchurg General Hospital. She was the wife of the late Levy M. Thornhill.

She was born in Appomattox County to the late Richard T. Trent and Mattie Watts Trent. She was a member of White Rock Baptist Church.

She is survived by one son, Levy H. Thornhill of Tempe, Ariz.; one daughter, Mattie Louise Thornhill of Lynchburg; two sisters, Mrs. Betsy Hubbard and Mrs. Marie Smith, both of Concord; one sister-in-law, Mrs. Mary D. Trent of LYnchburg; two brothers-in-law, Jim Smith and Eugene West, both of Concord; two granddaughters, Mrs. Katherine Genie Rose of Madison Heights and Lisa N. Thornhill of Tempe; two grandsons, Gary T. Thorhill of Lynchburg and Bruce H. Thornhill of Mesa, Ariz.; two great-grandsons, Charles Dudley Shaw of Norfolk and Michael E. Rose of Madison Heights; one daughter-in-law, Norine C. Thornhill of Tempe; one grandson-in-law James E. Rose, of Madison Heights; one granddaughter, Mrs. Linda Thornhill of Mesa; a host of other relatives and friends.

A funeral service was held Wednesday, at 3 p.m. at White Rock Baptist Church, the Rev. Haywood Robinson officiating. Interment was in the Trent family cemetery.

Carl B. Hutcherson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Lonnie Harold Trent

Lonnie Harold Trent, 41, of Route 1, Brookneal died Sunday, Sept. 2, 1984. He was the husband of Linda Jackson Trent.

He was born in Charlotte County Oct. 10, 1942, a son of Cornelia Lane Trent and the late Sydnor Peters Trent. He attended West End Baptist Church, was a U. S. Army veteran and was employed by Huff-Cook Insurance Co.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by one son, Harold D. Trent, and two daughters, Paula L. Trent and Cornelia A. Trent, all of Brookneal; three brothers, William Trent and Eugene Trent, both of Brookneal, and Elton Trent of Red House, and five sisters, Mrs. Margie T. Pritt of Canton, Ohio, Mrs. Bernice T. Smith of Charlotte Court House, Mrs. Betty Napier of Appomattox, Mrs. Lula Belle T. Napier of Brookneal and Mrs. Carolyn T. Kerr of Lynchburg.

A funeral service was conducted Thursday at 2 p.m. at West End Baptist Church by the Rev. Larry Martin. Burial was in Mount Carmel Church cemetery.

Henderson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Amy Adeline Bryant Young

Mrs. Amy Adeline Bryant Young, 83, of 437 Oak Grove Drive, Madison Heights, died Monday, Sept. 3, 1984 at her residence after a long illness. She was the wife of the late Moody Anderson Young.

Born in Arcadia Aug. 12, 1901, she was a daughter of the late L.J. Bryant and Cara Ann Collins Bryant. She was a member of Randolph Memorial Baptist Church.

She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. John E. (Helen) Routon of Concord and Mrs. Ralph K. (Velma) Stinsopn and Mrs. Conway H. (June) Ricketts, both of Madison Heights; three brothers, Rufus Bryant of Winston-Salem, N.C. and L.J. Bryant, Jr. and H. G. Bryant, both of Roanoke; four sisters, Mrs. Josephine Corbitt and Mrs. Marie Bohon both of Lynchburg and Mrs. Mary Bryant and Mrs. Winifred West both of Roanoke; five grandchildren and

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Rev. Omar G. Burnett of Ark, Virginia will preach for the morning worship service. He is married to the former Eloise O'Brien of Appomattox.

Rev. Burnett pastored New Hope 1932-40 succeeding his father, E.F. Burnett who pastored 1927-32. Rev. Burnett also served as interim in 1970-71.

It is our privilege to have Rev. Burnett and Eloise with us during this very significant occasion and we hope you will make plans to be a part of this time of fellowship together. Rev. Bob Williams is pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, located six miles east of Appomattox on Highway 24.

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Sept. 14 - Ham Patties, French Fries, Chilled Fruit, Hot Roll, Milk.
Sept. 17 - Chicken Pattie, Whole Potatoes, String Beans, Hot Roll, Milk.
Sept. 18 - Sausage Pattie, Green Peas, Baked Apple, Hot Roll, Milk.
Sept. 19 - Pig-n-Blanket, Pork-n-Beans, French Fries, Pears, Milk.
Sept. 20 - Hamburger & Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Hot Roll, Milk.
Sept. 21 - Fish, French Fries, Lima Beans, Pineapple, Hot Roll, Milk.
Sept. 24 - Cheeseburger, Peas, French Fries, Fruit, Milk.
Sept. 25 - Beef Nuggets, Green Beans, Whipped Potatoes, Hot Roll, Milk.
Sept. 26 - Hoagie Sandwich, French Fries, Cobbler, Milk.
Sept. 27 - Pizza, Tossed Salad, Fruit, Milk.
Sept. 28 - Hot Dog on Bun, Beans, French Fries, Pudding, Milk.

WE HAVE IT MADE IN VIRGINIA

College night planned

Juniors and Seniors at Appomattox County High School and their parents will have the opportunity to attend College Night on Monday evening, Sept. 17, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Heritage High School, Lynchburg, Virginia.

This event is held in order that Juniors and Seniors and their parents can discuss with admissions officers of junior colleges, colleges, universities, business schools, medical and technical schools, nursing schools, apprentice schools and armed forces academies the entrance requirements, financial aid, scholarships and curricula.

The areas served are the counties of Appomattox, Bedford and Campbell plus the city of Lynchburg. Approximately one hundred colleges will be represented.

Persons desiring additional information may contact the Guidance Department of Appomattox County High School.

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